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1. There has been no further progress in the efforts to unite the League of Free Rumanians with the Rumanian National Committee. King Michael has recently been more reserved toward the National Committee. The leading influence in this direction is a member of the League leadership, George Popescu-Botosani, who is friendly with the King.
2. The leading candidate for the presidency of the League, Gafencu, has not yet made a decision as to whether he will allow his name to be used. The move toward putting the presidency into commission has made little progress. Gafencu's holding back is due to the fact that he probably received money for his support from Cretzianu's Swiss funds. If he became president of the League, he would be in the painful position of conducting the court case against Cretzianu with regard to the funds. He also wishes a man of his own choosing in the general secretariat of the League instead of the incumbent, Barbu Niculescu.

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